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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 540

By DeBerry J

A RESOLUTION To commend A. D. Alissandratos for his
honorable and astute service to the people of
Memphis and Tennessee.

WHEREAS, It is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to
specially recognize those estimable public servants who have dedicated themselves to
improving the quality of life for their fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, A. D. Alissandratos is one such person who evinces the greatest integrity
and probity in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, A highly respected member of the Memphis community, Mr. Alissandratos
proudly served his country in the United States Coast Guard for three years; he holds a degree
in Accounting from Walton School of Commerce; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Alissandratos has served with distinction as the President and Owner of
the Canada Dry Bottling Company of Memphis and as the Manager of the Canada Dry Bottling
Company of Charleston, South Carolina; in these important positions he demonstrated his
financial acumen and his singular expertise in the world of business; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Alissandratos has distinguished himself as a public-spirited citizen of
the highest order and as an exceptional asset to his community; and

WHEREAS, A firm believer in the importance of quality education for all citizens, Mr. Alissandratos has served on the Advisory Boards of LeMoyne-Owen College, Rhodes College and St. Mary's School; and

WHEREAS, In the realm of politics, Mr. Alissandratos adroitly served as Treasurer of the Memphis Republican Party for several years; he was also the Co-Chairman of a dinner at the National Republican Governors' Conference under Governor Winfield Dunn; and

WHEREAS, He was a valuable member of the National Highway Safety Board under President Gerald Ford; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Alissandratos helped to build a sound present and a bright future for Memphis during his illustrious twenty-year tenure as member of the City Council (1971-1991); he served as Chairman of the City Council in 1976; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Alissandratos and his family express their robust Christian faith through their membership at Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church, where he has served faithfully as a member of the Board and as a Sunday School teacher; and

WHEREAS, His remarkable success as a public servant and civic leader is directly attributable to his reliance on the time-honored values of hard work and common sense and his uncommon ability to work well with people from all walks of life; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Alissandratos is an extremely giving person who often reaches out with compassion to people who life has treated unkindly, and he epitomizes the ideal of the consummate professional, dedicated public servant and reliable friend and neighbor; and

WHEREAS, His many accomplishments aside, Mr. Alissandratos is fortunate to share both love and companionship with his wife, Urania Latto Alissandratos, their four children, Dr. Julia Alissandratos, Chancellor D. S. Alissandratos, Dr. George Alissandratos and Theresa A. Schrepf, and their four grandsons; and

WHEREAS, A. D. Alissandratos is wholly committed to the noble precepts of public service that have earned Tennessee recognition as the "Volunteer State," and he should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we hereby commend A. D. Alissandratos for his honorable and astute service to the good people of Memphis and to the State of Tennessee and salute his unswerving commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.